

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GLENCOE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

President Rob Bailey called the Regular Meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in Young Auditorium of Central School, Glencoe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Malehorn, and Sigurdson
Late Arrival: Makoul
Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Burnham made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes held September 10, 2007 and Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Each building principal reviewed the 2007-2008 goals for their building's School Improvement Plan. The goals fell within the areas of Teaching and Learning; Student Learning, Progress, and Achievement; and The Learning Community.

Dr. Howe, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the curriculum and program review being completed in the area of Modern Languages. He reviewed progress made to date in exploring crucial questions, critical actions, and support for various options. A synopsis of research materials was reviewed as well as an outline of the modern language programs in other township school districts. The committee members will continue the process and provide updates to Board members.

2007 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

Dr. Crawford reported that Central School was selected as one of the 2007 Blue Ribbon Schools. Application materials were completed by Mr. Mollet and Dr. Howe in spring 2007. Notification of this award was received in early October and Mr. Mollet will travel to Washington D.C. to receive the award for Central School.

FALL HOUSING REPORT

Dr. Crawford reported that the Fall Housing Report was filed with the September 28, 2007 enrollment figures. A total enrollment of 1,357 was reported as compared to the 2006 Fall Housing Report total enrollment of 1,369.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

Dr. Crawford reported the Illinois School Library Grant was submitted for the 2007-2008 school year. The grant was based upon enrollments reported as of September 28, 2007. A total of \$1,017.75 would be received if the grant were fully funded at \$.75 per student. These funds would be applied to the cost of software, audio-visual materials, and/or equipment. The following were reviewed as part of the grant application process: staff development opportunities in technology, parent and community member opportunities to enhance skills in the area of technology, and examination of available equipment and software.

INTEREST FREE COMPUTER LOAN

Dr. Crawford reviewed information related to the bi-annual interest free computer loan scheduled for May 2008. Particulars of the program included:

For over 15 years the District furnished an interest-free loan to qualified district employees for the purchase of computers and computer-related equipment. The cost of the loan has been deducted from the employee's salary in equal installments over a 24-month period.

Qualifying staff members included any district employee with at least two years of continuous experience in District 35.

The minimum amount of the loan was set at \$750 and the maximum at \$2,500. This was a change from the previous range of \$500 - \$5,000.

In November the Interest Free Computer Loan would return to the Board as an Action Item.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Mr. Tanner, Director of Finance and Operations, reported the End Fund Balance for September 2007 as \$9,712,109.20.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to approve the October 2007 bills and Mr. Burnham seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

The Personnel Report for October 2007 was tabled to closed session.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE 2007 SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

Dr. Crawford reported that most but not all of the individual student results for the Illinois Standards Assessment Test (ISAT) had been received. These results would be mailed to parents when all have been received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The report card will be posted on the District web page www.glencoeschools.org

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to approve the release of the 2007 school report card information as received from the Illinois State Board of Education. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF 2007 INTENT TO LEVY

Mr. Tanner recommended the Board approve the Intent to Levy for 2007. The tentative tax levy was \$19,970,753 for operational purposes, an increase of 6.80% over the 2006 tax extension. The proposed increase was recommended in light of the tax cap limitation of 2.5% above the 2006 tax extension. The Tax Cap Law required the lesser, CPI or 5%, to be used thus the 2.5% CPI figure.

The proposed tax levy increase incorporated the possibility of \$40 million of new growth in the District. Historical annual new growth was reported as:

1998	\$4.8 million	
1999	\$5.2 million	
2000	\$5.7 million	
2001	\$13.3 million (year of the three-year reassessment),	2002 \$8.8 million
2003	\$8.8 million	
2004	\$17.9 million (year of the three-year reassessment),	2005 \$20.1 million
2006	\$17.4 million	

It was anticipated that the additional tax extension resulting from new growth would be approximately \$301,519 (\$15.0 million). Mr. Tanner estimated that the tax extension increase for the District would be in the range of 4.11% when compared to 2006. The 6.30% proposed levy allowed for significant new growth while increasing existing property taxes by the tax cap level of 2.5%.

Mr. Tanner also indicated the total tax levy would be tempered due to the consistent level of debt services for tax year 2007. It was anticipated that the total tax extension, including debt service, would increase approximately \$692,279 or 3.40% above the 2006 total tax extension level while costing the existing taxpayer less than 1.82%.

A public hearing to approve the proposed 2007 property tax levy increase for Glencoe School District was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on December 10, 2007. The meeting will be held in Young Auditorium at Central school.

Mr. Chez made a motion to approve the tentative 2007 tax levy resolution (Intent to Levy). Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
 Nay: None
 Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISION

Mr. Makoul made a motion to approve the recommended revisions to policy 5:330 Educational Support Staff – Sick Days, Vacations, Holidays and Leaves. Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
 Nay: None
 Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mr. Tanner, Director of Finance and Operations reviewed the one-year extension to the Alltown Bus Company contract. This contract would be shared with New Trier High School and

Winnetka School District. The contract extension for 2008-2009 would hold costs to the 2006-2007 contract figures.

Mr. Makoul made a motion to approve the Alltown Bus Company contract extension. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the second opportunity for comments Mrs. Laurie Morse stated her opinions about the modern language program and study being conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following information was reviewed during Committee reports:

Dr. Crawford reviewed some of the completed and on going maintenance projects. Projects to be continued include replacement of the West School fence and intercom, beginning the bid process for locker replacement at South and Central Schools, plumbing work at South School, and grouting of tile outside Misner Auditorium.

Mr. Bailey reported work continues on renovations of NSSED property. An architectural firm had been named to develop options for the administrative offices and North Shore Academy classrooms. The charges to member districts would be identified as the options were evaluated.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Malehorn made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and negotiations and pending litigation. Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:30 p.m. Mr. Makoul made the motion to return to open session and Mr. Sigurdson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Burnham made a motion to approve the October 2007 Personnel Report. Ms. Malehorn seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

At 10:35 p.m. Ms. Malehorn made the motion to adjourn open session and Mr. Chez seconded the motion.

Aye: Bailey, Burnham, Chez, Makoul, Malehorn and Sigurdson
Nay: None
Absent: Myefski

Board President

Board Secretary